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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I enjoyed having dinner with you during the National Governors' Association Winter meeting in Washington, D.C. Thank you for your March 5<sup>th</sup> letter; the Medicaid program information was helpful.

Medicaid reform has become one of the primary issues for North Carolina. I have instructed our Secretary of Health and Human Services, Aldona Wos, to develop a plan to make significant improvements in the program – both managing the taxpayer resources and improving the quality of care. Our team has made considerable progress on developing a patient-centered focus to the Medicaid program.

We would like to take you up on your offer to assist us in reforming our Medicaid program. We are committed to transforming a confusing, complicated program to one that is centered on the person's physical and mental health. We also are working to develop key outcomes measures to assess the quality of care and ensure that the changes are improving the health of our residents. For your information, a broad overview of our proposal is attached. We will work with your office to schedule your visit to North Carolina to begin this important effort.

I look forward to working together to transform the Medicaid program in North Carolina. I am convinced that we can lower costs while improving quality for our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

  
Governor McCrory